To: IJobs Application Review Committee

From: Monticello Residents and Business Owners

Re: Proposed Sewer Plant Flood Levee

Date: July 31, 2010

Dear Committee:

We sign this letter as citizens and business owners concerned with the costs to our City, the State and Federal governments, and private citizens and local businesses to repair the damage caused by flooding at our sewer plant, and to homes and businesses that suffer sewage back-ups as a result of the inundation of our sewer plant. We understand that the Corps of Engineers performed preliminary studies of flooding in and around Monticello and after both studies, in 1974 and again in 2003, recommended that a levee be constructed to protect the Monticello Sewer Treatment Plant. Money has been an impediment to this project, and for that reason our Sewer Plant remains a target, at risk of continued flooding and damage. Our plant has suffered severe flooding with some regularity in the past eight (8) years, with substantial flooding and damage in 2002, 2008, and 2010, with many near misses along the way.

Our sewer plant is located immediately adjacent to the Maquoketa River, and when flooding occurs the flow of raw sewage to the river is oftentimes unavoidable. Our river, and river systems in general, are in need of our attention from an ecological standpoint, and for that reason as well, a levee system, that will allow the City to treat most if not all sewage, even in times of flooding, before releasing it to the river makes great sense.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's grant application.

Sincerely yours,

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